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1. Rudi Soergel, Personnel Chief of the East German Weather Service with offices in Potsdam, was relieved of his position on 15 October 1953 and put on leave status. He has been dismissed from the Weather Service effective the date his leave is up. He was allegedly released for engaging in cadre politics of for being too lenient and super-ising inadequately the political attitudes of his employees.
2. Soergel's deputy at present is Walter Grossmann, SED Party Secretary of the Meteorological Service (MHD), Potsdam, but only in a temporary capacity.
3. The Personnel Office is presently being run by Lentz (fnu), previously in Lindenberg, SED, about 38 to 40 years old. Working with Lentz is Kaminski (fnu), who joined the MHD in the spring of 1951 and completed his apprenticeship in the spring of 1952. Kaminski is about 20 or 21 years old and an extremely active SED member; both his parents are SED members.

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